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Report Highlights:

Post revises the 2007/08 MY (July-June) rice production estimate up to 28.6 million tons, and the wheat production estimate upto 1 million tons. There is no change in MY 2008/09 rice and wheat import forecasts, which remain at 1 million tons and 2 million tons respectively.

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Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Record Boro rice harvest in MY 2007/08

Post revises its MY 2007/08 rice production estimate upward to 28.6 million tons, still slightly lower than MY 2006/07 production. The *Boro* rice crop (planted in December/January and harvested in April/May) benefited from excellent weather conditions. The crop, which is currently being harvested, is forecast at 16.5 million tons. The previous two rice crops i.e. *Aus* and *Aman* were affected by floods and a cyclone with an estimated production loss of over 1.5 million tons. However, expected bumper *Boro* rice production will mean that MY 07/08 estimated production should reach close to MY 06/07 production. Higher production for the current year's *Boro* rice crop may partly be attributed to larger area planted with hybrid seeds, which came mostly from China.

Higher wheat production in MY 2007/08

Post revises the wheat production estimate for MY 07/08 to 1 million tons, the highest level in the last four year. Very high domestic prices led the farmers expand wheat acreage, which also benefited from favorable weather conditions and better input management.

Imports

Considering rice imports to date and the prospective 500,000 tons of Indian rice to be imported through government channels, the MY 2007/08 rice import forecast is revised slightly upto 1.7 million tons. Post revises the MY 2007/08 wheat import estimate lower to 1.5 million tons. However, there is no change in the MY 2008/09 rice and wheat import forecasts, which stand at 1 million tons and 2 million tons respectively.

Significant increase in domestic procurement prices of rice and wheat

The government's domestic rice procurement price has been set at Taka 28 per kilogram of milled rice and Taka 18 per kilogram of paddy (rough rice) which was Taka 20 and Taka 13 respectively in the last year. The procurement price of wheat is fixed at Taka 26 per kilogram which was Taka 20 last year.

\$1 = 70 Bangladeshi Taka as of April 30, 2008.

Table 1: Commodity, Rice, PSD

Rice, Milled Bangladesh	2006			2007			2008		
	2006/2007			2007/2008			2008/2009		
	Market Year Begin: Jul 2006			Market Year Begin: Jul 2007			Market Year Begin: Jul 2008		
	Annual Data Displayed		New Post	Annual Data Displayed		New Post	Annual Data Displayed		Jan
			Data			Data			Data
Area Harvested	11200	11200	11200	11000	11000	11100		11300	11300
Beginning Stocks	441	441	441	446	446	446		246	546
Milled Production	29000	29000	29000	28400	28400	28600		29400	29400
Rough Production	43504	43504	43504	42604	42604	42904		44104	44104
Milling Rate (.9999)	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666		6666	6666
MY Imports	769	769	769	1500	1600	1700		1000	1000
TY Imports	1500	650	650	1000	1570	1235		800	1000
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Total Supply	30210	30210	30210	30346	30446	30746		30646	30946
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Total Consumption	29764	29764	29764	30100	30200	30200		30200	30400
Ending Stocks	446	446	446	246	246	546		446	546
Total Distribution	30210	30210	30210	30346	30446	30746		30646	30946

Table 2: Commodity, Wheat, PSD

Wheat Bangladesh	2006			2007			2008		
	2006/2007			2007/2008			2008/2009		
	Market Year Begin: Jul 2006			Market Year Begin: Jul 2007			Market Year Begin: Jul 2008		
	Annual Data Displayed		New Post	Annual Data Displayed		New Post	Annual Data Displayed		Jan
			Data			Data			Data
Area Harvested	372	372	372	440	440	440		400	400
Beginning Stocks	731	176	176	477	116	116		156	216
Production	740	740	740	840	840	1000		800	800
MY Imports	1806	1700	1700	1800	1600	1500		2000	2000
TY Imports	1806	1700	1700	1800	1600	1500		2000	2000
TY Imp. from U.S.	87	87	87	0	0	300		0	100
Total Supply	3277	2616	2616	3117	2556	2616		2956	3016
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Feed Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
FSI Consumption	2800	2500	2500	2900	2400	2400		2800	2800
Total Consumption	2800	2500	2500	2900	2400	2400		2800	2800
Ending Stocks	477	116	116	217	156	216		156	216
Total Distribution	3277	2616	2616	3117	2556	2616		2956	3016